### **Legislative Law Committee 2007**

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### <u>Health</u>

AB 1 California Care Coverage Assembly Desk

(**Dymally**) Expands eligibility for Medi-Cal Program and the Healthy Families Program.

AB 2 Health care coverage Senate Inactive File

(**Dymally**) Reorganizes MRMIP and phases out the guaranteed issue program by

requiring health plans and insurers to pay or play in a new high risk pool.

Modifies the coverage currently provided under MRMIP.

AB 8 Health care coverage Vetoed

(Nunez) Declares legislative intent to solve the health care crisis.

AB 10 Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2008. 2-yr. bill

(DeLaTorre) Declares legislative intent to solve the health care crisis.

AB 12 The Adult Health Coverage Expansion Program Chapter 677

(Beall) Allows a county or local initiative to provide health coverage to small businesses employees under a new program financed by employers,

employee premiums, and any state, local, or federal funding.

AB 13 Hospitals: Staffing Senate Inactive File

(Laird) Makes legislative findings and declarations supporting health care coverage

for all children in California.

AB 16 Pupil immunizations: human papillomavirus vaccine - Senate Rules

(Lieber) Prohibits the unconditional admission of a female pupil to the 6th grade of

school or other institution unless she has received the HPV vaccine, and requires providers administering the vaccine to disclose information to parents or quardians about HPV, its relation to cervical cancer, and the

effects of the vaccine.

AB 30 Health care coverage Assembly Health

**(Evans)** Declares legislative intent to decrease health care costs and improve quality.

AB 51 Gallegos-Rosenthal Patient Advocate Program Assembly Appropriations

**(Dymally)** Requires health plans pay for the Office of Patient Advocate health care

report card to include data regarding Medicare Part D coverage even though

many of these plans are not Knox-Keene licensed.

AB 52 Health facilities: Office of Patient Advocate Assembly Appropriations

**(Dymally)** Creates the Office of Patient Advocate in the Public Health Department to

monitor health facilities.

AB 54 Health Care Coverage Assembly Health

**(Dymally)** Requires health care service plans and health insurers to provide, rather than

over, coverage for acupuncture under a group plan or policy, and would

delete the exceptions from that requirement.

**AB 55** Medi-Cal: aged and disabled individuals **Senate Health** Allows more aged and disabled individuals to qualify for Medi-Cal by (Dymally) increasing the income standard to 133% of FPL. **AB 74** University of California: obesity, diabetes and **Assembly Appropriations** related illness center (Dymally) Requests the UC system to create an institute to study ways of reducing obesity through our health care system. **AB 75 Healthy Choices Plan** 2 yr. bill States legislative intent to create the Healthy Choices Plan to provide health (Blakeslee) care coverage for those Californians without coverage. **AB 84** Assembly Rev. & Tax Income tax: health savings accounts (Nakanishi) Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings Accounts. **AB 85** Income and corporation taxes: credit: health savings account - Assembly R & T (Nakanishi) Creates a 15% tax credit for employers who purchase health insurance. AB 142 Income tax: health savings account Assembly Rev. & Tax Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings (Plescia) Accounts. **AB 166** Public safety personnel: presumption: MRSA skin infections – Asm. Approp. (Bass) This bill would expand the scope of this provision to include any methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MSRA) or Staph/MSRA skin infection. **AB 245** Income Tax: Health Savings Account Assembly Rev. & Tax Allows a deduction under the Personal Income Tax Law in connection with (DeVore) health savings accounts in conformity with federal law. **AB 326 State Compensation Insurance Fund** Senate BF&I States finding and declarations regarding the governance of the State (Benoit) Compensation Insurance Fund. **AB 328 Health Care Service Plans: Disease Reports** Chapter 385 Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan of 1975. (Salas) **AB 330 Medi-Cal: Health Disparity Report** Assembly Approp. Requires the OSHPD to develop a health disparity report. (Hayashi) **AB 343** Health Care: Employer Coverage: Disclosure Vetoed (Solorio) Requires the State Dept. Of Health Care Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to collaborate to transmit to the Legislature a report identifying all employers who employ 25 or more persons who are, or support, beneficiaries of Medi-Cal, Healthy Families or Access for Infants and

Mothers programs.

### AB 363 Medi-Cal

**Senate Appropriations** 

(Berg) Specifies the circumstances under which a federally qualified health center

(FQHC) may receive reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are existing patients of the FQHC,

when delivered at locations other than the FQHC's site or sites.

### AB 368 Hearing Aids

**Assembly Health** 

(Carter) Requires health care service plans and health insurers to offer, at minimal

cost, coverage up to \$1,000 for hearing aids to all enrollees, subscribers, and insureds under 18 years of age. Provides that the requirement to provide this

coverage would not apply to certain types of insurance.

AB 381 Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement Chapter 265

(Galgiani) Relates to Medi-Cal provider reimbursement. Relates to a request that

contains a beneficiary's social security number. Applies this provision to the

submission of a request by a provider for beneficiary eligibility.

AB 384 Firefighters Chapter 255

(Portantino) Enacts the California Fallen Federal Firefighter Survivor Assistance Act of

2007, which would excuse the mandatory system-wide tuition and fees of any surviving spouse or surviving child or stepchild of a deceased permanent career civilian federal firefighter who was performing services in the state. Extends the health benefit coverage to the surviving spouse or eligible family

member of a permanent career civilian federal firefighter.

AB 423 Health Care Coverage: Mental Health Services Vetoed

(Beall) Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Services Plan Act under which a health

care service plan contract and a health insurance policy are required to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of severe mental illnesses of a person of any age. Expands this coverage requirement to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age and defines mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV.

AB 436 Medical Records Assembly Health

(Salas) This bill would eliminate the repeal date of the described provisions thereby

extending their duration indefinitely.

AB 516 Health Care Coverage Assembly Health

**(Swanson)** Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation implementing certain

health care access and delivery recommendations published in a specific

report.

AB 550 Workers' Compensation: Occupational Care Project- Senate Rules
(Ma) Establishes the Integrated 24-Hour Occupational Medical Care Pilot Progr

Establishes the Integrated 24-Hour Occupational Medical Care Pilot Program for the purposes of demonstrating and evaluating the effectiveness of providing medical treatment for occupational injuries through the same

medical care delivery system that provides treatment for nonoccupational

injuries and illnesses.

### AB 554 Public Employees: Benefits: Health Chapter 318

(Hernandez) Permits the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to authorize an employer to participate in the prefunding of health care coverage and other postemployment benefit annuitants. Requires a participating employer to contract with the board of administration regarding terms and conditions of the prefunding of health care coverage and other

postemployment benefits.

AB 555 Healing Arts: Medical Records 2 yr. bill

(Nakanishi) Expresses the Legislatures intent to require the Medical Board of California to

work with interested parties to develop an electronic system that would allow any physician and surgeon in this state to access the medical records of the

patient he or she requires in order to treat the patient.

AB 562 Health Care Coverage: Catastrophic Loss Assembly Health

(Walters) Amends the Knox-Knee Health Care Service Plan Act. Authorizes a health care service plan and a health insurer to offer and issue a group or individual plan contract or policy for catastrophic losses that contains a high deductible.

AB 636 Acupuncture: scope of practice Assembly Bus. & Prof.

(Levine) Relates to the Acupuncture Licensure List that lists certain techniques and modalities that a license acupuncturist may use on patients to promote, maintain, and restore health to expend that list and to authorize the use of

light by a licensed acupuncturist for those purposes.

AB 707 Health Insurance: Small Employer Groups 2 yr. bill

(Nakanishi) Relates to existing law which provides for the regulation of insurers by the

Department of Insurance. Establishes a comprehensive scheme for providing health insurance coverage of employees to small employer groups.

AB 720 Insurance: life agents Chapter 270

(**De Leon**) Authorizes a life insurance licensee to act as a life agent on behalf of a life

insurer or a disability insurer to transact life insurance, accident and health insurance, or life and accident and health insurance. Provides for a life agent license to transact insurance on human lives including benefits of endowment and annuities, and a license to transact accident and health coverage. Requires the applicants for these licenses to meet the requirement for a

permanent license. Reduces education requirements.

AB 731 Health Care Coverage: Public Agencies 2 yr. bill

(Solorio) Declares the intent of the Legislature to require health care coverage

providers to disclose to public agency governing boards that they contract with all foos and commissions paid to the agency's insurance broker.

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AB 770 Health Care Coverage: Agricultural Employees Assembly Appropriations

**(Hernandez)** Declares the intent of the Legislature that agricultural employees be provided health care coverage and that agricultural employers offering that coverage

be allowed to lower their total health care costs.

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AB 799 Health Care Coverage Assembly Health

### (Smyth)

Relates to existing law that provides for the regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and for the regulation of insurance by the Insurance Commissioner and imposes various requirements on such plans and insurers with respect to small employer coverage. Provides the requirements do not apply to a program of services and incentives offered to a small employer, separate and apart from a contract or policy of health care services or benefits to promote wellness.

### **AB 861** (Tran)

Dissolution of Marriage: Estates and Trusts Chapter 141 Defines health and medical insurance coverage related to requiring a party to maintain coverage for the other party and any minor children. Authorizes the court to make an order if requiring that a party maintain a beneficiary designation for a nonprobate transfer asset until judgement has been entered with respect to the community ownership of that asset. Authorizes the court to require that the community interest is an Individual Retirement Account(IRA).

### **AB 895**

**Health Care Coverage: Dental Care** Chapter 164 (Aghazarian) Requires a specialized health care service plan covering dental services or a dental insurer to declare its coordination of benefits policy, as defined, prominently, in its evidence of coverage documents or in its contracts or policies. Requires a specialized dental plan or dental insurer that is an enrollee's or insured's primary dental coverage provider and that is coordinating dental benefits with one or more other health care service plans to pay the maximum amount required.

### **AB 910** (Karnette)

Disabled Persons: Support and Health Care Coverage – Chapter 617 Provides a health care service plan and a health insurer coverage of a dependent child shall not terminate upon attaining the limiting age, if the child is and continues to be incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness, or condition. Requires the plan and insurer to notify the subscriber or insured before the dependent child attains the limiting age. Requires, after a change in carriers, the new plan or insurer continue dependent child coverage.

### AB 1040 (Duvall)

**Income Taxes: Deduction: Medical Care** Assembly Rev. & Tax Allows a deduction in computing adjusted gross income for the costs of health insurance.

**Assembly Approp.** 

### AB 1072 (Gaines)

Relates to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. Establishes the California Health Insurance Exchange that would facilitate the purchase of health insurance products. Authorizes employers to purchase health insurance products through the exchange. Creates the Health Insurance Exchange Fund.

#### AB 1214 **Waiver of Benefits**

**Assembly Health** (Emmerson) Allows a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy to be issued, renewed, or amended without certain of those specified benefits that an applicant, contractholder, or policyholder has waived. Requires the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care and the Insurance Commissioner to prepare a disclosure form summarizing the benefits a plan

Health Care Coverage: Health Insurance Exchange

and an insurer are required to include.

### AB 1302 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Chapter 700

(Horton, S.) Extends the act's duration to July 1, 2010, when it would become inoperative, and all funds under the act that are unexpended or unencumbered as of that date would revert to the General Fund.

### AB 1324 Health Care Coverage: Rescinded coverage Chapter 702

(**DeLaTorre**) States that a provider has rendered health care services in good faith under specified circumstances, and that a plan or insurer does not avoid its obligations under these provisions by rescinding or modifying a health care service plan contract or a policyholder's policy or certificate.

### AB 1328 Medi-Cal: Eligibility for Benefits Vetoed

(Hayashi) Requires the Department of Health Care Services, as part of ongoing training, to include information regarding the treatment of separate and community income and resources in determining eligibility under the Medi-Cal Program.

### AB 1377 Employee Health Benefits: Health Savings Accounts Asm. P.E. & R.

(Nakanishi) Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to offer a high deductible health plan and a health savings account option to public employees and annuitants.

# AB 1378 (Nakanishi) Health Care Coverage: Major Risk Medical Insurance Assembly Health Relates to the Department of Managed Health Care and the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund. Extends the duration of this pilot program.

## AB 1390 Health Care Service Plans: Unfair Payment Patterns Senate Health (Huffman) Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act. Requires the

Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act. Requires the Department of Managed Health Care web site information to include the number and disposition of complaints received through the department's online provider complaint system, and would require this information to be updated at least guarterly.

### AB 1429 Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Vetoed

(Evans) Amends existing law under which a plan and a health insurer that included coverage for the treatment or surgery of cervical cancer are deemed to provide for coverage for an annual cervical cancer screening test. Expands the coverage to include a cancer vaccination.

## AB 1444 Physical therapists: scope of practice Assembly Bus. & Prof. (Emmerson) Relates to the Physical Therapy Practice Act provisions that define physical

therapy and revises the definition of "physical therapy".

### AB 1467 Worker safety Vetoed

(**DeSaulnier**) Removes the exemptions that permit smoking in specified bars, warehouses, hotel lobbies, employee breakrooms, and meeting and banquet rooms, while retaining exemptions for other types of businesses. Prohibits smoking in specified owner-operated businesses regardless of whether or not they have employees.

AB 1554 Health Care Coverage: Rate Approval Senate Health

(Jones) Requires approval by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance of an increase in the amount of the premium, copayment, coinsurance obligation, deductible, and other changes under a

health care service plan or health insurance policy.

AB 1619 Insurer Licensing Assembly Insurance

(Benoit) Allows any insurer admitted to transact health insurance or workers compensation insurance, or a health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act to make written application to the commissioner for a license to offer a single policy that provides health care

services and workers compensation benefits.

AB 1644 Out-of-State Carriers Assembly Health

(Niello) Allows a carrier domiciled in another state to offer, sell, or renew in this state an essential health benefit plan meeting unspecified requirements, without

holding a license issued by the Department of Managed Health or a certificate of authority issued by the Insurance Commissioner. Exempts the essential health benefit plan from requirements otherwise applicable to plans

and insurance policies providing health care coverage in this state.

AB 1680 Health Insurance: Postclaims Underwriting Assembly Health

**(Duvall)** Modifies the definition of postclaims underwriting.

AB 1692 Healthy Families Advisory Panels Assembly Health

(Villines) Amends existing law which establishes the Healthy Families Program and

requires the membership of the advisory panel to include one physician and surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics. Requires that member to be a

practicing physician surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics.

SB 24 Taxes: Cigarette and Tobacco Products Senate Rev. & Tax.

(Torlakson) Imposes an Imposes an additional tax on the distribution of cigarettes at a

specified rate for each cigarette distributed. Requires such revenues collected from additional taxes to be deposited in the General Fund which shall be used for children's health related purposes and smoking cessation

programs, as determined by the Legislature.

SB 25 Income tax: health savings account Senate Rev. & Tax.

(Maldonado) Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings

Accounts.

SB 32 Health care coverage: children Assembly Inactive File

(Steinberg) Declares the Legislature's intent to allow all children living in California with

family incomes under 300% of FPL access to affordable, comprehensive health coverage and to improve and modernize the process of enrolling and

maintaining children in coverage.

SB 48 Health care coverage: employers and employees – Assembly Appropriations

(**Perata**) Seeks to provide 4.2 million uninsured working Californians and their

dependents with health coverage through a mandate on employers and employees. Establishes a "connector" or purchasing pool for employers to select coverage products on a guaranteed issue basis with a cap on plan administrative cost and profits.

SB 51 San Diego Health Care Connection Demonstration Project - Sen. Approp. (Ducheny) Requires MRMIB to contract with a specified nonprofit to help San Diego

Requires MRMIB to contract with a specified nonprofit to help San Diego County employers provide health benefits to full time employees. Program components include a premium assistance program and an essential benefits package.

SB 93 Medi-Cal: Third Party Liability Vetoed

(Corbett) Prohibits the amount paid by Medi-Cal from being considered as evidence of past medical damages or for the purpose of reducing the 3<sup>rd</sup> party's liability to the beneficiary in any 3<sup>rd</sup> party action.

SB 119 Medi-Cal: minors: drug and alcohol treatment Assembly Appropriations (Cedillo) Requires that residential drug and alcohol treatment services issued by the

Department of Alcohol and Drug Program's be a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal Drug Treatment Program if federal financial participation is available.

SB 137 Children's health: medical treatment Vetoed

**(Torlakson)** Changes the eligibility limitation to persons in a family with an annual or monthly income equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

SB 171 Hospitals: Lift Teams Vetoed

(Perata) Requires each general acute care hospital to establish a patient protection and health care worker back injury prevention plan. Requires each hospital to conduct a needs assessment to identify patients needing lift teams. Requires these hospitals to use lift teams, and to train health care workers on the appropriate use of lift devices. Provides that a health care worker who

refuses to lift a patient could be disciplined only under certain circumstances.

SB 199 Income and Corporation Taxes: Credit: Health Sen. Rev. & Tax. (Harman) Authorizes a credit against The Personal Income Tax Law and the

Corporation Tax Law in an amount equal to 15% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable year for qualified health insurance for employees of the taxpayer.

SB 235 Vision Care: Annuitants: California State University - Assem. Appropriations (Negrete-McLeod) Allows annuitants of the California State University system to participate in the Vision Care Program for State Annuitants.

SB 236 Health Care Senate Rules

**(Runner, G)** Expresses the Legislature's intent to enact the Cal CARE program to improve access to health care services for the residents of the state.

SB 238 Medi-Cal Chapter 638

(Aanestad) Amends existing law that provides federally qualified health center services and rural health clinic services are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal

program, to be reimbursed, to providers on a per-visit basis. Redefines visits to include within those health care professionals covered under that definition, a dental hygienist and dental hygienist in alternative practice.

#### SB 253 **Health Care**

Senate Rules

(Aanestad)

Relates to existing law that states the intent of the Legislature to provide basic health care and related to remedial or preventive services to individuals qualifying under the Medi-Cal program.

#### SB 260 Medi-Cal

Vetoed

(Steinberg)

Amends the Medi-Cal program. Provides that more than one encounter between a patient and the same health care professional on the same day and at a single location may each be separately reimbursed in specified circumstances. Provides that visits with different health care professionals on the same day of service may be billed as separate visits.

### SB 261 (Romero)

**Emergency Medical Services: The Trauma Care Fund – Asm. Approp.** Deletes from the criteria for local distribution of trauma care funds

consideration of whether the acquisition is demonstrated to be essential for trauma services within a specified hospital and whether coordination or payment of prescribed care and transportation services may be provided as necessary without undue delay.

### SB 320

#### **Health Care Information Infrastructure Program** Vetoed

(Alguist)

Existing law terminates the Office of HIPAA Implementation on 1/1/08. This bill extends repeal date to 1/1/13.

#### SB 349 **Health Care Coverage**

Senate Rules

(Perata)

Declares the Legislature's intent to implement comprehensive reforms of the health care coverage system.

#### SB 365 **Out-of-State Carriers**

Senate Health

(McClintock) Allows a carrier domiciled in another state to offer, sell or renew a health care service plan or a health insurance policy in this state without holding a license issued by the Department of Managed Health Care or a certificate of authority issued by the commissioner. Exempts the carrier's plan or policy from requirements otherwise applicable to plans and insurers providing health care coverage in the state.

### SB 369 (Vincent)

State Teachers: Retirement: Health Benefits - Sen. Pub. Emp & Retirement Requires the State Teachers' Retirement Board to file with the Legislature a

study, conducted over one full year, of school districts that do not provide health benefits for retired teachers.

#### SB 389 **Health Care Coverage**

**Senate Health** 

(Yee)

Requires the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance to implement an independent provider dispute resolution system, in consultation with representatives of health plans or insurers, providers and consumer representatives. Prohibits a hospital-based physician from seeking payment from individual enrollees for services he or she rendered.

### SB 483 Medi-Cal: Eligibility

**Assembly Appropriations** 

(Kuehl)

Provides that pursuant to specified federal law, the state elects to provide for Medi-Cal eligibility for nursing facilities or other long-term care services for individuals with an equity interest in their home of less than a certain amount.

## SB 510 Medi-Cal: Managed Care (Negrete-McLeod)

Senate Rules

Relates to Medi-Cal Managed Care. Includes legislative oversight and review, to ensure that the state and federal governments meet their obligations to provide full access to adequate health care to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities and to improve the quality of health care for those persons.

## SB 564 Public School Health Center Support Program Assembly Inactive (Ridley-Thomas)

Provides that a school health center also includes a school health facility that conducts routine physical, mental health, and oral health assessments, and that provides for any services not offered onsite or through a referral process.

### SB 646 (Cox)

Major Risk Medical Insurance Program: Waiting List Senate Rules Expresses the Legislature's intent to appropriate additional funds from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for deposit into the Major Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund (MRMIP) to eliminate a waiting list for the MRMIP.

## SB 723 State Compensation Insurance Fund: health system – Sen. B. F. & Ins. (Yee) Improvement study.

Authorizes the State Compensation Insurance Fund to transact group health insurance with employers insured by the fund for worker's compensation to the same extent as any other insurer, and subject to the powers and authority of the Insurance Commissioner.

### SB 820 Taxation: cafeteria plans: credits

Senate Rev. & Tax.

**(Ashburn)** Authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.

### SB 840

### Single-Payer Health Care Coverage

Assembly Approp.

(Kuehl) Establishes the State Universal Healthcare System. Makes all state residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Creates the Universal Healthcare Policy Board to establish policy on medical issues and various

other matters relating to the system.

### SB 843 Medical Information

Senate Health

(Calderon,R.) Relates to existing law which prohibits a provider of health care, a health care service plan, contractor, or corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates from intentionally sharing, selling, using for marketing, or otherwise using any medical information for any purpose not necessary to provide health care services to a patient, except as expressly authorized by the patient.

SB 885 Health Care Coverage: Employer Mandates Senate Rules

(Calderon, R.) Expresses the Legislature's intent to require employers to provide health care coverage for their employees to the extent allowed by federal law.

#### SB 893 **Children and Families Program**

**Senate Health** 

(Cox) Relates to the California Children and Families Act of 1998. Eliminates percentages for allocation to various accounts. Provides that those funds be allocated and appropriated to the commission to provide health care services to children.

SB 972

Insurance: Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements - Assembly Ins. (McClintock) Makes changes to the provision setting forth the criteria for a multiple employer welfare arrangement is required to satisfy to be eligible for a certificate of compliance.

SB 982 (Machado) **Health Insurance: False Statements** Senate Rules Provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance, unless a specified exception applies. States that the falsity of any statement in the application for any health insurance policy does not bar the right to

recovery under the policy.

SB 1014 (Kuehl)

**Taxation: Single-Payer Health Care Coverage Tax** Senate Rev. & Tax. Imposes an additional tax at a rate of 1% on the taxpayer's taxable income that exceeds \$200,000, but is not over \$1,000,000, a tax on self-employment income of an individual taxpayer and a tax on nonwage income of a taxpayer. Requires all revenues received by the Franchise Tax Board from those taxes be deposited in the Health Insurance Fund. Imposes a health care coverage tax on the wages of an employee to be paid by both the employee and his or her employer.

### Workers' Compensation

**AB 338** (Coto)

Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability Payments – Chapter 595 Provides that for purposes of determining temporary disability benefits for any person entitled to benefits under the workers' compensation law as a result of an injury sustained by an inmate of any county jail, industrial farm, road camp or city jail, or by an inmate assigned to a county work release program, the average weekly earnings shall be taken at the minimum amount set forth in the above provision regarding the calculation of temporary disability benefits.

AB 419 (Lieber) **Workers Compensation Senate Appropriations** Relates to existing law which provides that whenever certain public

employees who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System or the L.A. City Retirement System or subject to the County Employees' Retirement Law are disabled, they shall become entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary. Deletes the requirement that these employees be members of the PER System or the L.A. Retirement System or subject to the CER Law.

**AB 507** 

**Workers' Compensation Insurance: Database** Senate BF&I (**DeLaTorre**) Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a publicly

accessible database regarding workers' compensation insurance to enforce state workers' compensation laws.

AB 644 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Utilization Assembly Insurance

**(Dymally)** Requires any physician who conducts an evaluation of medical treatment to hold an identical type of license as that of physician requesting the treatment.

AB 807 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Assembly Insurance

(Hancock) Relates to the workers' compensation law which requires employers to secure the payment of workers' compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise out of, or in the course of,

employment.

AB 812 Workers' Compensation: Audits Chapter 615

**(Hernandez)** Amends existing law that workers' compensation insurers generally perform a payroll verification audit to compare the actual premium to the estimated

premium. Provides that if an employer fails to provide reasonable access to payroll records for a payroll verification audit, the employer shall pay a premium to the carrier or self-insurer not to exceed 3 times the most recent

estimated annual premium.

AB 1073 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule-Chapter 621

(Nava) Relates to workers' compensation system. Prohibits the limit on the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy, and physical therapy visits from applying to visits for postsurgical physical medicine and rehabilitative

services.

AB 1212 Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Chapter 227

(Nunez) Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide for enhanced disability benefits to compensate injured workers for lost wages

incurred as a result of an injury arising out of employment.

AB 1269 Workers' Compensation Chapter 697

(Hernandez) Requires that specified inpatient burn DRGs be separately reimbursed at a rate of 120% of estimate facility costs, as specified. These provisions would be operative only until the administrative director adopts an alternative

reimbursement methodology for inpatient burn DRGs.

AB 1293 Workers' Compensation: Liquidation Estate Assembly Insurance

(Benoit) Requires the liquidation estate of Fremont Indemnity Company to forward to specified school district employees a lump sum not to exceed \$8 million for the express purpose of covering those claims already paid by the school district employers, as well as those liabilities incurred and to be incurred, for any self-insured retention transferred to Fremont Indemnity Company prior to

January 1, 2000.

AB 1341 Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability Assembly Insurance

(Benoit) Requires for a single injury occurring on or after January 1, 2008, increase to 4 years from the date of injury, the period of time during which an employee

can receive aggregate disability payments.

AB 1565 Workers' Compensation: Medical Evaluations Assembly Insurance

(Lieber) Relates to changes to existing law which establishes a workers'

compensation system to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of his or her employment.

(Niello)

AB 1619 Insurer licensing Assembly Insurance

(Benoit) Allows any insurer admitted to transact health insurance or workers compensation insurance, or a health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act to make written application to the commissioner for a license to offer a single policy that provides health

care services and workers compensation benefits.

AB 1624 Public Employees: Retirement: Workers' Compensation Assembly Insurance

Makes changes to existing workers compensation law requires employers to secure the payment of workers compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise in the course of employment. Provides that an employee who receives personal injury by accident arising in the course of employment of the state his or her

dependents shall be entitled to compensation.

AB 1636 Workers' Compensation: Supplemental Job Benefits Vetoed (Mendoza) Relates to workers' compensation supplemental job displacement benefits

Relates to workers' compensation supplemental job displacement benefits, the provision of a voucher for education related training to an injured employee later than 74 days after termination of temporary disability. Requires the employer, if the percentage of permanent disability cannot be determined, to provide a voucher based on the reasonable estimate of the

percentage of permanent disability.

AB 1699 Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Assembly Insurance

(La Malfa) Relates to workers' compensation system disability benefits. Provides that, for injuries occurring on or after an employee who, at the time of injury, was employed in a seasonal position or in a position that was expected to last less

than 12 months shall not be eligible to receive increased payments.

SB 154 Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability Senate Approp.

(Cedillo) Provides that the 2-year limit on the payment of temporary disability under the existing workers' compensation law shall not apply to certain volunteer and

paid law enforcement and firefighting employees.

SB 352 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Senate Approp.

(Padilla) Relates to medical treatment utilization schedule, to be provided to an injured employee. Exempts limits on chiropractic, occupational therapy, and physical

therapy visits specified employees of a sheriff's office or police or fire

department, peace officers, and active firefighters.

SB 420 Corporation taxes: deduction: workers' compensation group – Senate R&T

(Negrete McLeod) - Transfers provisions of the California Special Supplemental Food

Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) from the State Department of Health Services to the State Department of Public Health. Requires all WIC local agencies that serve large numbers and a high proportion of uninsured

participants to use the gateway system only to the extent funding is available.

## SB 452 Employment: family-owned farms: workers' compensation and – Sen. Labor (Cogdill) unemployment

Excludes from the definition of employee any person who provides services on a family-owned farm, as defined, and is employed, without financial compensation, by his or her parent, spouse, child, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or first or second cousin. Requires the Department of Industrial Relations to prescribe a form to be filled by a family-owned farm for purposes of claiming an exemption from the provisions of the workers' compensation system.

### SB 557 Workers' Compensation: Audiologists

Vetoed

(Wiggins) Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would include audiologists licensed by the state that meet specified requirements among those medical professionals authorized to be appointed by the administrative director as qualified medical evaluators for purpose of evaluating medical-

legal issues in workers' compensation claims.

SB 869 Workers' Compensation Insurance: Coverage Program Chapter 662 (Ridley-Thomas) - Provides that the Uninsured Employer Database shall be funded from fraud assessments. Requires that the rating organization designated the statistical agent by the commissioner shall provide to the Fraud Division a current list of insured employers for use in the Uninsured Employer Database.

## SB 906 Workers' compensation: claims processing Vetoed (Runner) Authorizes a provider of medical treatment, service or supplies, as defined to the compensation of the

Authorizes a provider of medical treatment, service or supplies, as defined, a person or entity claiming the right to reimbursement for services for which an employer is responsible under a workers' compensation claim to contract with an agent for claims processing, assignment of claims, processing and receiving payments, or filing required reports.

SB 936 (Perata) Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Schedule - Vetoed Revised the formula for computing those payments for injuries causing permanent disability, which occur on or after January 1, 2008, as specified.

## SB 942 Workers' Compensation Vetoed (Migden) Provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that an employer has

Provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that an employer has discriminated against an employee if, after the employee has been disabled from work as a result of injury or illness pursuant to which the employee is eligible to receive worker's compensation, the employer refuses to reinstate the employee to his or her regular position with full wages and benefits within one day after a statement by a physician that the employee is able to perform.

## SB 952 Workers' Compensation Senate Rules (Wyland) Relates to existing law which establishes a workers' compensation system to

Relates to existing law which establishes a workers' compensation system to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment and prohibits petitions filed with the appeals board concerning a continuing temporary disability award from being granted while the injured worker is pursuing a rehabilitation plan.

SB 1005 Workers' Compensation: Claim Files: Disclosure Senate Labor (Florez) Requires a 3rd-party administrator responsible for administering an

Requires a 3rd-party administrator responsible for administering an employer's workers' compensation claims to discuss all elements of the claim file that affect the employer's premium with the employer, and to supply copies of the documents that affect the premium at the employer's expense.

### **Property and Casualty**

AB 5 Flood Protection: Local: Central Valley: Plans Chapter 366
(Wolk) Creates the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection

Creates the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection in the central valley. Authorizes local agencies to create a local plan of flood protection meeting the requirements of the bill. Requires priority for state funds to be given to local agencies that have adopted a local plan of flood protection. Creates the Local Flood Protection Plan Assistance Fund to award grants.

AB 62 Disaster Relief Chapter 224

(Nava) Provides for state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within the Counties of Riverside and Ventura, which were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to wildfires. Provides that any dwelling that qualified for the exemption prior to 09/04/06, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires, and has not changed ownership may

not be denied the exemption on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged.

AB 70 Flood Liability Chapter 367

(Jones) Provides that a city or county to joint liability, whether or not the city or county directly participates in the operation or maintenance of a flood control project, for property damage sustained in a flood by approving new development in an undeveloped area that is protected by a project levee where flood levels are anticipated to exceed 3 feet for a 200-years flood event.

AB 156 Flood Control Chapter 368

(Laird) Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to provide meals and other necessary support to any person engaged in emergency flood fight activities. Requires the department to prepare, and the Reclamation Board to adopt, a schedule for mapping areas at risk of flooding in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River drainage. Authorizes the board or the department to establish a program of mitigation banking for the activities of the board or the department.

AB 162 Land Use: Water Supply Chapter 369
(Wolk) Requires a city or county general plan to identify an annually review of those

Requires a city or county general plan to identify an annually review of those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by floodplain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources.

AB 217 Vehicle License Fee: Biennial Payments Assembly Rev. & Tax.

(Beall) Amends the Vehicle License Fee Law, which establishes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration in this state in the amount of .065 % of the market value of that vehicle. Requires payment of such fee on a biennial basis.

(Saldana) Provides that when a smog certificate is required for renewal a special license plate in not made until the smog certificate is received by the

Department of Motor Vehicles.

AB 248 Vehicles: Violations: Punishment Assembly Public Safety

Senate Inactive File

(Gaines) Clarifies in the list of traffic violations of the Vehicle Code a violation related to a motor vehicle speed contest as a misdemeanor, that under the exception described above, the violation is punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony. Provides the same with respect to the violation related to reckless

driving that is punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony.

AB 254 Vehicles: Total Loss Salvage Vehicles Assembly Transportation

(Gaines) Relates to existing law that defines total loss salvage vehicle for purposes of

the Vehicle Code.

Vehicles: Fees

**AB 218** 

AB 267 Annuity Sales: Seniors Assembly Insurance

(Calderon) Requires an insurance producer agent or insurer, when making a recommendation to a senior consumer, for the purpose or exchange of an

annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to his or her financial situation and needs. Requires insurers to establish a system to supervise compliance with the placement of annuities to senior

consumers.

AB 303 Manslaughter: Vehicular Assembly Appropriations

**(Spitzer)** Increases the term of imprisonment to 7 years to life in the state prison for

gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

AB 319 Emergencies: Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Vetoed

(Nava) Enacts the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness Act of 2007, to

establish the Tsunami Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities in the state. Requires the Office of Emergency Services to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communications,

response, and mitigation in the event of a tsunami.

AB 421 Dept. of Motor Vehicles: abstract of record of court Chapter 746

(Benoit) Relates to existing law that requires the clerk of a court in which the person was convicted of any vehicle violation to prepare within 10 days after conviction or sentencing and immediately forward to the DMV an abstract of the record of the court covering that case. Reduces the time for forwarding

those abstracts of the court record to 5 days.

## AB 425 (Adams)

**Vehicles: Motorcycles: Safety Helmets: Exceptions**Asm. Transportation Exempts from a requirement that a driver and any passenger are to wear a safety helmet meeting certain requirements when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle, a driver who is 18 years of age or older who has either completed a motorcycle rider training program, or has been issued a class M1 license or endorsement or a comparable license or endorsement from another jurisdiction, for 2 years or more.

### AB 430 (Benoit)

Vehicles: Speed Contests and Wreckless Driving Chapter 682 Includes one or both of the crimes of wreckless driving or engaging in motor vehicle speed contests within the scope of various existing statutes including, among others, provisions relating to time limits for destruction of court records, and exceptions to requirements that insurance companies not raise premium rates where the insured or applicant has been convicted of a traffic violation while driving an employer's vehicle during the course of employment.

### AB 468 (Ruskin)

**Vehicles:** Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles Chapter 389

Authorizes a county service authority to use registration fees as well as the moneys received from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund for the abatement and removal, or the disposal of abandoned vehicles.

### AB 522 (Duvall)

Nonadmitted Insurers Chapter 134

Extends existing law that specifies various duties of nonadmitted insurers and surplus line brokers transacting business in this state. Gives applicants and policyholders the right to notice of the power to cancel the policy within 5 days under specified circumstances, and that the broker fee must be returned and that the premium must be prorated when a policy is cancelled.

## AB 536 (Portantino)

Deletes the prohibition of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to classify all lands within the state for purpose of determining areas in which the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is primarily the responsibility of the state, including within state responsibility areas, lands within the exterior boundaries of certain cities.

### AB 545 (Walters)

Insurance Fraud Assembly P.E. & R.

Authorizes the Public Employees Retirement System to obtain information from an insurer for purposes of determining the eligibility of a member, or unlawful application or receipt of benefits, under the Public Employees Retirement System. Adds the Public Employees Retirement System to the list of authorized governmental agencies to which an insurer is required to release that information.

### AB 645 (Feuer)

Traffic Violation: Adjudication Chapter 161

Amends existing law which authorizes a court to order a person issued a notice to appear for a traffic violation to attend a traffic violator school licensed under certain provisions of the Vehicle Code, in lieu of adjudicating the traffic offense, and with the consent of the defendant, or after conviction

of a traffic offense. Makes these provisions inapplicable to a person when

the traffic offense is a hit run violation.

**Animals: Bites: Owner Information** AB 670 Chapter 136 (Spitzer)

Requires a person who owns or has custody or control of an animal to immediately provide identifying information to another person when the person knows, or has reason to know, the animal bit the other person. Provides that the failure to provide such information would be an infraction.

AB 693 California Emergency Service Act 2 yr. bill

Changes the Emergency Service Act which sets forth the intent of the (Plescia)

Legislature in enacting its provisions generally.

**AB 706** Fire Retardants: Toxic Effects Senate Floor

Revises and extends findings relating to fire retardants, and requires all (Leno) seating, bedding, and furniture products to comply with certain requirements, including the requirement that they not contain brominated fire retardants or

chlorinated fire retardants.

**AB 758** Vehicles: Traffic Violator Schools Chapter 296

(Plescia) Amends existing law that defines the term traffic violator school for purposes of the Vehicle Code, to mean a business that provides instruction in traffic safety. Recasts that definition to provide that the traffic violator school is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the method of

> instruction may be classroom-based or by home study, including but not limited to, correspondence, handbook, video, or Internet.

**AB 796** Insurance Chapter 138

(Asm. Ins) Adds another level of Total Adjusted Capital which, with respect to certain

insurers, would be indicated in the insurer's Risk Based Capital report.

**AB 797 Insurance: Agents** Chapter 271 (Asm. Ins) Adds a limited lines automobile insurance agent, as specified, to the existing

types of agent licensees. Provides that an organization may hold a license to act as a limited lines automobile insurance agent. Requires candidates for the limited lines automobile insurance agent license to undergo a minimum of 20 hours of prelicensing study as a prerequisite for qualification

for the license.

**AB 808** Vehicles: Licensure Application or Renewal Chapter 748

Requires as a condition of obtaining or renewing a driver's license, the (Parra) applicant sign a declaration regarding driving under the influence, and

potential charges that could result from killing a person as a result of driving

under the influence.

AB 859 **Civil Procedure: Service of Process** Chapter 15

Requires certain documents to be filed with a levying officer under a writ of (Plescia) attachment or execution within 5 court days of the levy and would instead

allow for the filing of the above-described statement by service of process.

AB 881 Vehicles: Child Passengers: Restraint Systems Vetoed

(Mullin) Requires that child who is under 8 years of age to be secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system. Provides an exception from the child passenger restraint system requirement for a child who is

from the child passenger restraint system requirement for a child who is under 8 years of age, but who is 4 feet 9 inches tall or taller and who is

properly restrained by a safety belt.

AB 893 Vehicles: Speeding Assembly Transportation

(Walters) Makes it an infraction to drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed of 100

miles per hour or more, and requires a minimum fine of \$300 to be imposed upon any conviction of that offense. Requires, upon a first conviction, the court to suspend the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for 30

days.

AB 913 Vehicles: Motor Carriers: Permits Chapter 58

(Niello) Amends existing law which requires a motor carrier to pay a fee for the

reissuance of a motor carrier's permit following its suspension or revocation. Waives the fee requirement, if the suspension or revocation was based on a lapse in liability insurance or workers' compensation insurance, and the evidence of valid insurance coverage demonstrates that a lapse in coverage

for the carrier's operation did not occur.

AB 924 Crimes: Vehicles Chapter 111

**(Emmerson)** Adds offenses involving vehicle theft to that list of specified crimes.

AB 930 Flood Management Chapter 619

(Jones) Expresses legislative intent that the Governor establish a flood plain manage-

ment task force to examine matters to state and local flood plain management.

AB 948 Employment: Compensation Assembly Appropriations

(Niello) Requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the Department of

Industrial Relations to conduct a study on the applicability of overtime exemptions

to highly-compensated employees under state law.

AB 966 Driver's License Renewal: Senior Citizens Vetoed

(Krekorian) Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include with a notice or renewal

of a driver's license that is mailed to a person who is 62 years of age or older,

may be issued, free of charge, an identification card bearing the notation Senior Citizen.

AB 998 Theft: motor vehicle: penalties Assembly Public Safety

(Garrick) Punishes grand theft of an automobile as a felony only. Adds a felony conviction of

motor vehicle theft when the person has a prior felony conviction for motor vehicle

theft to the list of specified serious felonies.

### AB 1006 Pawnbrokers and Dealers

Assembly B. & P.

(Maze)

Prohibits pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and coin dealers from charging the original claimant for returning the stolen item if the original claimant filed a report with law enforcement within a specified time period. Requires a law enforcement agency to return property to a dealer if the agency is unable to establish ownership within a certain time after the property is no longer required for a criminal investigation.

#### **AB 1008**

**Insurance: Vehicle service contracts** 

Chapter 326

(Calderon,C)

Relates to insurance policy insuring certain types of property or if that policy is a renewal or a notice of cancellation is effective unless it is based on the occurrence of one or more of listed factors, including nonpayment of premium.

### AB 1051

**Insurance: Nonadmitted Insurers** 

Senate BF&I

(Carter)

Relates to the provision that certain types of liability insurance may not be placed with nonadmitted insurers. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to insurance issued to a governmental agency for the purpose of financing environmental remedial work authorized by a court order.

## AB 1099 (Portantino)

**Vehicles: Traffic Violator Schools** 

Assembly Appropriations

Specifies that the criteria required to be met before the DMV can issue a license, and revised the criteria to provide that only a classroom-based program is required to have the specified equipment and a classroom approved by the department.

### AB 1139 (Emmerson)

Department of Motor Vehicles: Display System: Advertising – Chapter 407 Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a contract with a private vendor for the purpose of acquiring message display systems that may be used on the department's mailings, Internet Web site, or other property. Provides the contract vendor would be allowed to utilize a portion of the available time and space for advertising. Creates a Motor Vehicle Advertising Account. Provides that advertising on such system would be limited.

### AB 1165

Driving under the influence: repeat offense

Chapter 749

(Maze) Makes it unlawful for a person who is on probation for a violation of driving under-the-influence offences within a certain number of years to operate a motor vehicle at any time with a blood-alcohol concentration above a certain level as measured by a preliminary alcohol screening test or other chemical.

AB 1215 Vehicles: DUI

**Assembly Public Safety** 

(Benoit) Prohibits a person who has a specified amount of a controlled substance in his or her blood from driving a vehicle, thereby creating a new crime.

### AB 1321 Vehicles: Fees

2 yr. bill

(**Duvall**) Relates to changes to existing law which requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge fees, adjusted every January 1, for certain specified

services.

AB 1385 Vehicles: DUI Penalties

**Senate Public Safety** 

**(Garrick)** Provides that a person operating a motorized scooter while under the

influence of an alcoholic beverage or a drug, upon conviction, is guilty of a

misdemeanor.

AB 1401 Insurance Fraud: Assessments

Chapter 335

(Aghazarian) Provides that each insurer doing business in this state pay an annual

assessment to be determined by the commissioner, in order to fund the Fraud Division and Organized Automobile Fraud Interdiction Program.

Calculates assessments in a specified way.

AB 1424 Elder Abuse

**Senate Public Safety** 

**(Davis)** Adds to orders relative to criminal proceedings involving elder abuse.

AB 1433 DMV: Identification

**Assembly Transportation** 

(Huff)

Relates to documents to be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles by electronic transmission. Includes specific identity source documents to be retained for a minimum of 10 years. Revises the format of driver's licenses and identification cards require.

AB 1452 Central Valley Flood Protection

**Senate Appropriations** 

(Wolk)

Enacts the Central Valley Flood Protection Act of 2008. Prohibits the Reclamation Board from approving, and the Department of Water Resources from providing, funding for any flood protection project that narrows flood channels or reduces the capacity of the flood protection system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to convey water.

AB 1464 Vehicles

Chapter 452

(Benoit)

Permits the court when an owner or other person given a notice to appear does not appear in court, or pay the applicable fine and penalties if an appearance is not required, to notify the owner or other person by mail that registration may be precluded by that failure and file a notice of noncompliance with the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to preclude registration of the vehicle involved in the offense.

**AB 1483** 

**Automotive Repair: Crash Parts** 

Vetoed

(Carter)

Requires an automotive repair dealer, when doing auto body or collision repairs, to provide a specified signed affirmation to the customer upon completion of the repairs indicating that the crash parts identified on the written estimate provided to the customer, or pursuant to an approved change to the estimate, were installed on the customer's motor vehicle.

AB 1487

Vehicles: DUI

**Senate Public Safety** 

(Berryhill)

Reduces the level of blood alcohol concentration required for the referral to participate in a licensed DUI program, where the person is otherwise eligible, to less than 0.15% by weight, for the program of at least 9 months.

AB 1507 Floodplain Manaement: Alluvial Fan Task Force Assembly Approp.

(Emmerson) Requires the Director of Water Resources to establish the Alluvial Fan Task

Force to review the state of knowledge regarding alluvial fan floodplains and

to prepare recommendations relating to floodplain management.

AB 1524 Vehicles: Motorcycles: Helmets 2 yr. bill

(Villines) Relates to existing law which requires a driver and a passenger to wear a

safety helmet meeting certain requirements when riding on a motorcycle,

motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle.

AB 1575 Vehicle Liens Chapter 121

(Richardson) Relates to vehicle lien compensation for repairs and other costs. Increases

those amounts.

AB 1653 Insurance Commissioner: Election Assembly Elections

**(Horton)** Specifies that the office of the Insurance Commissioner shall be nonpartisan.

AB 1661 Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Assembly Approp.

(Cook) Makes findings and declarations concerning compliance with the Military Selective Service Act. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to forward

the personal information of male applicants for an original driver's license or identification card under 26 years of age to the Selective Service System in an electronic format if the applicant indicates his agreement to be registered

with the system.

AB 1671 Automobile Assigned Risk Plan Assembly Insurance

(Ruskin) Relates to the Automobile Assigned Risk Plan that states there is a low-cost

automobile insurance program for all counties in the state and provides that a low-cost policy under the program shall be made available to persons who satisfy eligibility requirements and that the insurance shall be nonrenewed only for specified reasons, including the insurer is no longer eligible. Includes in those

provisions prohibiting nonrenewal, a reference to those eligibility requirements.

AB 1746 Personal and Corporate Income Taxes: Deductions Assembly Inactive File (Asm. Rev & Disallows a deduction for expenses attributable to income derived by a taxpayer

**Tax Cmte.)** from any criminal activity punishable under the Penal Code, specified illegal

activities relating to drug trafficking, and insurance fraud.

SB 5 Flood Management Chapter 364

(Machado) Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the necessity of

developing a comprehensive integrated flood policy and flood management program that addresses all aspect of flood management, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the state, local flood management agencies, cities and countries, developers, and property owners as part of an integrated flood policy, and integrating the flood-related funding authorized by specified

bond act with the integrated flood policy and flood management.

### SB 6 Flood Control

2 yr. bill

(Oropeza) Requires the land use, open-space, safety and conservation elements of a

general plan to include provisions relating to areas that are subject to flooding based on existing climate predictions regarding ocean levels.

SB 7 Smoking in Vehicles with Minor Passengers Chapter 425

(Oropeza) Makes it an infraction punishable by a fine to smoke in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor. Requires a public education program regarding the

dangers of secondhand smoke in confined places.

SB 28 Dept. of Motor Vehicles: Personal Assembly Inactive File

(Simitian) Prohibits the DMV from issuing, renewing, duplicating or replacing a driver's

license or identification card, if the license or card uses radio waves to either transmit personal information remotely or to enable personal information to

be read from the license or card remotely.

SB 33 Vehicles: Wireless Telephones and Mobile Service - Chapter 214

(Simitian) Prohibits a person possessing a valid instruction permit, student license, or

provisional license, from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device, including a handset equipped with a

hands-free device.

SB 60 DMV: Federal ID Assembly Floor

(Cedillo) Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to report to the Legislature on or

before May 1, 2008, on certain issues concerning the implementation of that

federal act.

SB 64 Identification Cards Senate Rules

(Cedillo) Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law that

state if an identification card issued pursuant to the Vehicle Code is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new true full name is acquired, existing law requires the person to whom the card was issued to apply for an original

identification card.

SB 111 Property Tax: Seismic Retrofitting: Tax Assessments – Asm. Appropriations

(Ashburn) Relates to valorem taxes on real property. Specifies that those that qualified for that 15-year exclusion relating to structures constructed of unreinforced

masonry also qualify for the general exclusion for seismic retrofitting

components.

SB 114 Disaster Relief Chapter 223

**(Florez)** Provides state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within specified

Counties that were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to severe freezing conditions that commenced January 11, 2007.

### SB 124 Evasion of Tolls: Registered Owner

Chapter 150

(Ducheny)

Defines registered owner, for purposes of liability for a toll evasion violation, to include a person registered as the owner of the vehicle by the appropriate agency or authority of another state, the District of Columbia or a territory or possession of the United States.

### SB 138 Construction Contracts: Indemnity

Chapter 32

(Calderon)

Provides that all agreements affecting any residential construction contract that purport to indemnify the general contractor not affiliated with the builder by a subcontractor against liability for claims of construction defects or negligence are unenforceable.

### SB 167 General Plans: Planning Grants and Incentives

Senate Approp.

(Negrete-McLeod) Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to award grants and loans to cities and counties to prepare and adopt general plans, including the costs of complying with the California Environmental Quality Act. Appropriates funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

### SB 177 (Migden)

**Driver's License: DUI: Ignition Interlock**Senate Public Safety
Requires the court to require that a person convicted of a DUI offense to install
a certified ignition interlock device on each vehicle that the person owns or
operates and to prohibit that person from operating a motor vehicle unless
that vehicle is so equipped. Specifies that for the purpose of the removal
and seizure of a motor vehicle, an immediate arrest includes the issuance of a
notice to appear.

### SB 195 (Calderon)

Construction projects: wrap-up insurance: disclosures Senate Judiciary Requires the owner, developer, or general contractor of a construction project who proposes or obtains a wrap-up insurance policy to provide to each subcontractor who is covered, or whose coverage is contemplated, under the wrap-up insurance policy, before the subcontractor commences work on the project, specified disclosures and documents regarding that policy.

### SB 211 Seis

Seismic safety: application filing fees

Chapter 429

Relates to the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 that authorizes postponement of the application filing fee's payment if specified requirements are met, including a requirement that the proposed construction or alteration has been proposed as a result of a seismic event that has been declared to be a disaster by the Governor. Revises this requirement to instead require the proposed construction or alteration to be proposed as a result of any event that has been declared.

## SB 229 (Margett)

(Cox)

**Vehicles: large or heavy loads** 

Senate Transportation

Requires a local authority to use certain specified criteria in determining whether extra insurance or other financial security is required by an unusually large or heavy load that poses a substantial risk to public facilities.

SB 241 Minors: Legal Representation: Probate Proceedings Chapter 719 (Kuehl) Permits a court, on its own motion, to appoint private counsel to represent the

Permits a court, on its own motion, to appoint private counsel to represent the interests of the minor at any stage of a proceeding under the Probate Code, if it determines that it would be in the best interests of the minor. Provides that the compensation and reasonable expenses of the counsel shall be determined by the court and paid as the court orders.

SB 276 Folsom Dam Modification Project Chapter 641

(Steinberg) Adopts and authorizes, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state participation, the project to modify Folsom Dam adopted and authorized by Congress is an unspecifies provision of federal law, and as modified by an unspecified addendum to that prescribed report prepared by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

SB 285 Provisional Licensing Program Senate Floor

(Runner, G.) Allows a person with an instructional permit to operate a motor vehicle when accompanied and supervised by a California licensed driver who, among other things is 25 years of age or over. Allows a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the licenseholder is violating a professional license driving restrictions.

SB 296 Office of Emergency Services: disaster preparedness Chapter 197

(**Dutton**) Renames the Disaster Resistant Communities Account the Disaster Resistant Communities Fund in the State Treasury. Deletes the requirement that any new activity be contingent upon the receipt of donations to the account.

SB 316 Insurance: Insurer Reserves Chapter 431

(Yee) Existing law requires insurers to maintain certain minimum reserves for outstanding losses and loss expenses for various coverages included in the lines of business described in the annual statement. This measure would delete workers' compensation insurance from this requirement.

SB 318 Driver's license Senate Rules

(**Denham**) Relates to existing law that describes the contents of a driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

SB 378 Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act Assembly WP&W

(Steinberg) Requires expenditures for disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects to be deemed to be in response to an emergency, for purposes of the Public Contract Code, and requires all contracts for those projects to provide for the payment of extra compensation to the contractor, as a bonus for completion prior to the completion date specified by the contract.

SB 402 Firefighters Senate Rules

(Aanestad) States the intent of the Legislature to ensure that the necessary access to fire protection services is available to every resident including those residing in rural areas, and to ensure that every firefighter in this state provides fire protection services in a safe and effective manner.

SB 422 Vehicles: commercial vehicle **Senate Transportation** 

(Ashburn)

Exempts from the definition of commercial vehicle a pickup truck that is not used for the transportation of property for hire, compensation, or profit. Provides that the exemption would not apply to foreign commercial vehicles.

SB 424 (Denham) **Disaster Preparedness: Flood Protection Projects** Requires the Department of Water to allocate funds to Stanislaus County for the Orestimba Creek Flood Control Project and to Merced County for the Merced Streams Project at Black Rascal Creek under the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act.

SB 430 (Machado) California Earthquake Authority Chapter 303 Amends existing law authorizing the state Earthquake Authority to transact basic residential earthquake insurance. Revises the definition of available capital and defines total capital for those purposes. Relates to the authorities ability to require participating insurers to make certain additional capital assessments. Provides that if claims and claim expenses paid by the authority due to earthquakes exhaust existing capital and the maximum assessments, the board may further assess participating insurers.

SB 492

Vehicles: Abandonment: Fines Senate Trans. (Maldonado) Increases to \$1,000 the minimum fine for a person convicted of abandoning a vehicle.

SB 498 (Oropeza) **Vehicles: Total Loss Salvage Vehicles** Senate Inactive File Prohibits a person who determines that a vehicle due to salt water damage is a total loss salvage vehicle from selling, consigning or other wise transferring that vehicle to a salvage pool in the state. Prohibits a salvage poll from

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knowingly buying, selling, consigning, or transferring that vehicle. **Local Governments: Vehicle Fees** 

(Simitian)

Provides that the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County may reauthorize a fee of up to \$4 for a period of 10 years until January 1, 2019.

SB 629 (Correa)

**Automobile Insurance Peace Officers** Chapter 211 Repeals existing law which requires any peace officer or firefighter who has been involved in an accident to submit to his or her private automobile insurer a written declaration stating whether or not at the time of the accident he or she was operating an emergency vehicle in the performance of his or her duty during the hours of his or her employment.

SB 641 (Corbett) **Vehicle Rental Agreements: San Jose Airport** Chapter 44 Relates to rental car company fees. Deletes provisions applicable to the San Jose International Airport. Authorizes the imposition of a customer facility charge under the general provisions described in current law.

SB 650 **Labor Representatives: Elections** 

accompanied by representation cards signed by a majority of

To Governor

(Migden) Permits agricultural employees to select their labor representative by submitting a petition to the Labor Board

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the bargaining unit. Provides for a civil penalty for stating a material fact as true by the employee that the employee knows to be false. Requires the board to conduct a related investigation. Provides procedures for determining the representative of any deficiency.

### SB 671 Insurance Fraud

**Senate Rules** 

(Runner, G) Relates to existing law which makes it unlawful for a person to make or cause to be made a knowingly false material statement in relation to insurance claims.

### SB 711 Insurance: Rate Filings

Senate B.,F. & Ins.

(Runner, G)

Provides that insurers having common ownership and operating under common control are not required to sell good driver discount policies issued by other insurers within the common ownership group if it is determined that the insurers satisfy conditions relating to the independent operation of affiliated insurers and that an insurer may use aggregate data of its affiliated insurers having co-ownership. Provides that adequacy or inadequacy of each insurer's rates shall be determine by its own experiences.

### SB 732 (Steinberg)

Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 Assembly Inactive File

Implements the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act. Requires departments that are to implement the initiative to develop and adopt guidelines and regulations. Provides for funds for nature education and research facilities and for parks, reports regarding grant recipients, investor-owned utilities, and the funding of integrated regional water management plan projects or programs. Creates the Sustainable Communities Council and Fund.

## SB 753 Affordable Housing Fund: Mobilehome Park Purchase - To Governor (Correa) Fund

Transfers an unspecified sum from the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to the Mobilehome Park Purchase Fund to provide loans to qualified nonprofit housing sponsors, resident organizations, or low-income residents for the purpose of preserving affordable housing in mobilehome parks.

### SB 838 Fire Prevention and Protection

**Senate Floor** 

(Cogdill)

Authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to award grants to the California Fire Safe Council to implement community-based wildfire threat reduction and prevention programs.

### SB 875 Insurance Premiums: Installment Fees Senate Rules

(Ridley-Thomas) Authorizes automobile or residential property insurers to offer policyholders the option of making installment payments of the premium. The bill would authorize insurers to charge a reasonable fee for administering the installment plan option. Expressly provides that an installment fee is not a "premium."

#### SB 889 Vehicle

Asm. Appropriations Suspense

(Maldonado) Requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the Carpool Education Program containing specified components for educating the public on the use of highway lanes and highway ramps for high-occupancy vehicles and for reporting alleged violations of that existing law and for the Department of Transportation to issue notices and educational brochures to alleged violators.

#### SB 975 **Insurance: Broker-Agents**

Senate B.F. & Ins.

(Calderon,R) Provides that insurers may provide specified sales and related materials to broker-agents, and that neither an insurer nor a broker-agent need accept or submit business to each other. Provides that insurers and broker-agents may enter into written contracts that specify a commission, rate of commission or other compensation, and that this does not prohibit such agents from receiving other forms of compensation that are not prohibited by law.

#### SB 1023 **Vehicles: Unsafe Operation**

Senate Rules

(Harman)

Makes changes to existing law whereby it is unlawful to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles that is in an unsafe condition or that is not safely loaded, and that presents an immediate safety hazard or to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles that is not equipped as provided in the Vehicle Code.

#### **SB 1038** Insurance

Chapter 100

(Sen. Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee)

Provides that any district attorney who fails to submit an application for fraud prosecution funds to the commissioner (Department of Insurance) within 90 days of the deadline for submission of application shall be subject to loss of distribution of the moneys. Specifies that "unearned premium" is to be calculated by the liquidator, and make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

### Election/Reapportionment/Political Reform

AB 404 Political Reform Act of 1974: Disclosure

Chapter 495

(Ruskin)

Requires that advertisements published, displayed, or broadcast for or against a candidate, that are paid for by independent expenditures, expressly state that they are not being made on behalf of a candidate or candidate-controlled committee.

AB 583 (Hancock) Political Reform Act: Clean Money and Fair Elections - Senate ER&CA Enacts the Clean Money and Fair Elections Act. Authorizes eligible candidate to obtain public funds according to specified procedures and requirements, provided that certain thresholds are attained. Imposes primary

responsibility for the administration of the provisions of the bill on the Fair Political Practices Commission. Creates the Clean Money Fund.

**AB 1653** Insurance Commissioner: Election 2 yr. bill

**(Horton, S.)** Specifies that the office of the Insurance Commissioner shall be nonpartisan.

SB 298 Political Reform Act: contributions Assembly Inactive File

(Cogdill) Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Increases the amount of contributions in a calendar year. Increases the amount of contributions form

any person.

SB 536 Political Reform Act: Insurance Commissioner Campaigns – 2 yr. bill (Simitian) Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Exempts campaigns for the

office of Insurance Commissioner from prohibitions against expending or accepting money. Enacts the Insurance Commissioner Election

Accountability Act of 2007. Authorizes eligible Insurance Commissioner candidates to obtain public financing from a fund made up of fees collected

from insurers, reimbursements, and interest.

### **Privacy**

AB 372 Personal Information: Civil Penalties Assembly Judiciary

(Salas) Relates to destruction of a customer's records, security procedures, and

protection of information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. Requires disclosure of breach of that data. Relates to disclosure of personal information to 3rd parties. Imposes a civil

penalty.

AB 703 Social security numbers Assembly Judiciary

(Ruskin) Prohibits a person or entity from using a social security number as an

identifier, except as required by federal or state law. Requires that records containing social security numbers be discarded or destroyed in a specified manner. Requires the encryption or locked storage of records containing

social security numbers.

AB 779 Personal Information Vetoed

(Jones) Relates to existing law which requires any person or business that conducts

business in the state and that owns or licenses computerized data that

includes personal information, to disclose any breech of that data.

AB 1298 Personal Information: Disclosure Chapter 699

(Jones) Prohibits any corporation organized for the purpose of maintaining medical

information for treatment or diagnosis from disclosing such information. Relates to a security freeze. Relates to any breach of security in such

system.

AB 1392 Online Privacy 2 yr. bill

(Saldana) Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enhance

online privacy.

AB 1504 Credit reporting: identity theft: children Assembly Judiciary

### (Anderson)

Provides that a child may come within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and become a dependent child of the court if the child has been a victim of identity theft, as defined, perpetrated by the parent or guardian or a member of his or her household.

## SB 30 (Simitian)

Enacts the Identity Information Protection Act of 2007. Requires identification documents that are created, mandated, purchased, or issued by various public entities that use radio waves to transmit data, or enable data to be read remotely, to meet specified requirements. Provides that a person or entity that knowingly discloses, or causes to be disclosed, operational system keys shall be published by imprisonment in a county jail, a fine, or both.

### SB 31 (Simitian)

### **Identification Documents**

### **Senate Public Safety**

Relates to the Information Practices Act of 1977. Provides that a person or entity that intentionally remotely reads or attempts to remotely read a person's identification document, as defined, using radio waves without his or her knowledge and prior consent, as described, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail, a fine, or both.

### SB 328 (Corbett)

**Personal Information: Prohibited Practices**Assembly B&F

Relates to existing law which requires a business to ensure the privacy of a customer's personal information. Includes a telephone calling pattern record or list in the definition of "personal information." Prohibits any person from obtaining or causing the disclosure of personal information about a customer or employee contained in the records of a business through specified methods, such as by making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements.

### SB 364 (Simitian)

Personal Information: Privacy

Amends existing law that requires any agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose in specified ways, any breach of the security of the data to any resident whose unencryted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.

## SB 751 Identity theft (Cogdill) Amends existi

Senate Public Safety

Amends existing law which provides that the jurisdiction of a criminal action for unauthorized use of another's personal identifying information is the county where the theft occurred or where the information was illegally used. Expands that provision to specify that the jurisdiction of a criminal action also includes the county where the victim resides.

### <u>Other</u>

### AB 267 Annuity Sales: Seniors

### **Assembly Insurance**

(Calderon,C.) Requires an insurance producer agent or insurer, when making a

recommendation to a senior consumer, for the purpose or exchange of an annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to

his or her financial situation and needs. Requires insurers to establish a system to supervise compliance with the placement of annuities to senior consumers.

### **AB 500** (Lieu)

Civil Actions: Telephonic appearances Chapter 268 Permits a party to appear by telephone in any conference or hearing at which witnesses are not expected to be called to testify. Requires the party choosing to appear by telephone to provide notice. Permits a court to provide teleconferencing appearances by entering into a contract with a private vendor.

#### AB 512 Contracts

Senate B. F. & I.

(Lieber)

Requires a person in a trade or business who negotiates specified contracts or agreements primarily in any language other than English to deliver to the other party prior to execution of the contractor agreement, a translation of the contract or agreement in the applicable foreign language. Provides that these provisions also apply to the state Residential Mortgage Lending Act.

### **AB 737** (Keene)

#### Small Claims Court Jurisdiction **Assembly Approp.**

This bill would require the Judicial Council to study the effect of the existing small claims jurisdictional limits on litigants and would-be litigants in California and to report all of its findings to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2009. Requires study to include specified considerations, including considerations relating to equal access to justice, claims brought by, and jurisdictional limits applicable to, entities other than natural persons, and the dollar limit restricting the filing of more than 2 small claims actions in a year.

### SB 376 (Migden)

#### Unfair competition: actions by city attorneys Chapter 17

Revises the authorization with regard to a city attorney of a city and county to allow an unfair competition action to be brought and to allow recovery of a civil penalty by a city attorney for any city and county.

### SB 423 (Harman)

### **Exemplary Damages**

**Senate Judiciary** 

Amends existing law which authorizes a plaintiff to recover exemplary damages in an action for the breach of an obligation not arising from contract if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has been guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice. Limits the amount of exemplary damages that are available pursuant to the provision described above to 3 times the amount of compensatory damages.

### SB 573 (Scott)

### **Annuity Sales: Seniors**

**Assembly Insurance** 

Requires the life insurance agent or insurer, when making a recommendation to a senior consumer for the purchase or exchange of an annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to his or her financial situation and needs. Provides that before the purchase or exchange of an annuity that the life agent shall make reasonable efforts to obtain information.

### **SB 611**

### Financial Abuse of Elder and Dependent Adults

Chapter 45

### (Steinberg)

Amends the Attachment Law such that a plaintiff is authorized to use the remedy of attachment against a defendant's property to secure an amount of the claimed indebtedness to the plaintiff in connection with cases involving financial abuse against an elder or dependent adult, whether or not other forms of relief are demanded.